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THE CATHOLIC UNITY OCTAVE :

The death in February last of the Father Founder of the Society of the Atonement, at Graymoor, New York., Father Paul James Francis, marked the passing from this earthly stage of the man who, in the providence of God, had been chosen to set in motion a religious movement that is destined to last until the prayer of Our Lord, "That all may be one," comes to fulfillment with the unity of all Christians in the Fold of Peter. It was Father Paul Francis who instituted the now universal observance of the Church Unity Octave. A convert to the Catholic Church, this humble and zealous priest is known to millions. He dedicated his life to the task of making Christ and His Church known to all those without the Fold of Peter.

Successive Popes have blessed the mission of Father Francis and the Society of the Atonement which he founded. Richly indulged, the devotion of the Church Unity Octave should find a welcome response from all the students. Only few by comparison have been called to work directly for the salvation of souls, but all of us can cooperate in the work of extending Christ's Kingdom on earth through prayer and sacrifice.

Mimeographed prayers have been placed in all the pews for the convenience of the students. With the prayers are given a list of the respective intentions for each day of the Octave. Is it asking too much to request you to stay in for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament during which these brief prayers will be recited by the Celebrant. If it is, then the least you can do is to take along the mimeographed page and recite the prayers privately. Prayers mean more to our missionaries than money or any other material gain. Without them, their work must fail. Not money, but only prayer can soften the heart of the hardened sinner or those unfortunate who have never had the consolation of the Faith which is our rich heritage.

Are YOU like the REST of them?

Is it simple ignorance, stupidity, or plain malice that causes many a Catholic to steer clear of anything that even suggests the tone of Catholic Literature. We are not condemning all forms of secular literature, but we do know many a Catholic is dulling his mind on cheap, trashy print that by no stretch of the imagination can pass as literature. There is a wealth of good literature within the range of every student, solid, substantial, and interesting. How many of you have ever seen a number of the Catholic World, Sign, America, the Commonweal; how many of you have ever read the Sunday Visitor, a Catholic Diocesan Weekly? If you would escape mental and moral paralysis, then you must cultivate a sense for real values.

THE CATHOLIC HOUR -- SUNDAY 5 P.M.

The noted orator, Monsignor Fulton Sheen is giving a series of addresses on current problems. I do not suppose it would call for too much sacrifice to pass up a half hour of jazz, or a child's mystery story to listen to a half hour of eloquent truth. For a half hour of solid, inspiring, intellectual enjoyment, listen to Monsignor Sheen, Sunday, 5 P.M.

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:

Freshman Anthony Horstman--seriously ill.
Repose of the soul of Father Santoro, C.P.P.S.
Sister of Father Pire, C.P.P.S.
Special intention



Prayer is the elevation of the mind and heart to God . It is, indeed, the key to Heaven itself. We must constantly pray for the gift of final persevearance. Christ Himself gives us the example supreme in His own life here on earth. His life was a life of prayer and penance.

Have we cultivated the habit of prayer? Do we fully realize and appreciate the value of morning and evening prayer? Are we aware that we have a grave obligation to pray in danger from serious temptation ?

St. Augustine writes: " The prayer of the just is the key to Heaven. In virtue of prayer we are able to do all that God requires of us. Prayer is the main protection of our soul. Prayer is the source of all virtues.

" More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. "